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[109]

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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	47	52	45	39	48	51	48	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	39	32	36	43	32	29	32	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	11	11	15	14	18	16	17	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	5	4	4	2	4	3	4	6	
			<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>				
			44	44	49	55				
			38	34	34	28				
			15	19	15	15				
			3	3	2	2				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	56	57	[139]
Disapprove.....	30	22	
Not sure.....	14	21	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	51	52	[140]
Disapprove.....	33	27	
Not sure.....	16	21	

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>4/01</u> **	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	63	53	[141]
Disapprove.....	26	20	
Not sure.....	11	27	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

2d. Do you think that President Bush has proved that he is competent in his understanding of foreign policy issues or not? *

Has proved he is competent.....	52	[142]
Has not.....	36	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>4/01</u> **	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00</u> +	<u>9/00</u> +	<u>7/00</u> +	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90</u> +	
Approve.....	43	45	48	55	49	46	46	61	22	[143]
Disapprove.....	33	32	35	30	35	41	42	28	69	
Not sure.....	24	23	17	15	16	13	12	11	9	
		<u>6/00</u> +	<u>4/00</u> +	<u>3/00</u> +	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>		
		43	42	43	48	45	42	40		
		46	44	40	36	42	45	49		
		11	14	17	16	13	13	11		
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98</u> +		
		43	40	49	41	50	44	48		
		41	42	38	45	40	42	39		
		16	18	13	14	10	14	13		

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4. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[144]
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
December 2000.....	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	19	11	19	20	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	30	23	13	13	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+.....	23	26	15	15	19	2	
August 2000+.....	28	23	17	14	17	1	
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
June 2000+.....	16	29	23	15	15	2	
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<i>High</i>							
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
Bill Clinton							[145/148]
April 2001.....	20	20	15	11	34	-	
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+.....	20	27	12	14	27	-	
April 2000+.....	22	27	13	11	27	-	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Alan Greenspan							[146]
April 2001*.....	25	30	20	7	2	16	
March 2001.....	24	31	25	5	3	12	
January 2001.....	31	25	18	8	3	15	
April 2000+.....	23	28	22	6	4	17	
December 1998.....	23	24	23	4	2	24	
Colin Powell							[147]
April 2001*.....	51	27	12	4	1	5	
March 2001.....	53	23	13	4	2	5	
January 2001.....	48	26	16	4	1	5	
April 1997.....	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+.....	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+.....	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+.....	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995.....	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995.....	21	33	28	6	2	10	
Dick Cheney							[149]
April 2001**.....	31	21	22	10	9	7	
March 2001.....	30	26	22	8	6	8	
January 2001.....	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000.....	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+.....	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
John McCain							[150]
April 2001**.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
June 2000+.....	15	32	25	11	7	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
March 2000+.....	14	31	25	14	7	9	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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5. Do you think that George W. Bush won the presidency legitimately?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Yes, won presidency legitimately.....	57	55	[151]
No, did not win presidency legitimately.....	37	39	
Not sure.....	6	6	

If George W. Bush wins the election, do you think that he will or will not have won the presidency legitimately?

	<u>12/00</u>
George W. Bush will have won the presidency legitimately.....	60
George W. Bush will NOT have won the presidency legitimately.....	32
Not sure.....	8

6a. Now let me read you a list of issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these goals you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	<u>Q.6a Top Priority</u>		<u>Q.6a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</u>	
Education.....	26		43	[152-153]
The economy.....	16		35	>
Health care.....	16		32	
Social Security.....	10	CONTINUE	21	
Taxes.....	7		15	
Energy.....	7		14	
National defense.....	7		14	
The environment.....	4		10	
Other (VOL).....	1		1	
All equally (VOL).....	6	Skip to	7	
None of these (VOL).....	-	Q.7	1	
Not sure.....	-		-	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A TOP PRIORITY IN Q.6a.)

6b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the federal government to address?

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the Bush administration.

7. Compared with other recent presidents at the BEGINNING of their terms, do you think that George W. Bush during his first 100 days as president has been more effective than, less effective than, or about as effective as have other recent presidents during their first 100 days in office?

	George W. Bush 4/01	Bill Clinton 4/93	
More effective.....	17	26	[156]
Less effective.....	25	27	
About as effective.....	55	43	
Not sure.....	3	4	

8. How would you describe the Bush administration so far--would you say that it is too conservative or too liberal, or does it strike the right balance?

Too conservative.....	30	[157]
Too liberal.....	8	
Strikes the right balance.....	49	
Not sure.....	13	

- 9a. How would you rate the performance of President Bush in dealing with each of the following issues? When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, would you rate President Bush's performance as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXCELLENT

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	Not Sure	
China.....	15	36	23	20	6	[160]
Education.....	11	32	30	16	11	[158]
Taxes.....	10	32	30	22	6	[159]
Social Security.....	5	26	31	23	15	[164]
Energy.....	5	24	33	28	10	[162]
Health care.....	5	24	31	24	16	[163]
The environment.....	2	26	28	31	13	[161]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9b. How would you rate President Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating? When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, how would you rate President Bush?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Being honest and straightforward							[175]
April 2001**.....	37	18	20	11	13	1	
January 2001.....	28	22	25	11	13	1	
Dealing with a crisis							[174]
April 2001**.....	26	25	25	11	11	2	
January 2001 ¹	20	27	29	11	11	2	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							[167/173]
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-	
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4	
Being in charge and making his own decisions							[165/171]
April 2001.....	27	22	21	12	16	2	
January 2001.....	24	25	24	11	14	2	
Being compassionate and understanding average people							[168]
April 2001*.....	26	20	21	15	17	1	
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999.....	22	24	28	10	12	4	
Communicating with the public							[170]
April 2001*.....	20	25	30	15	10	-	
Following through on his campaign positions							[169]
April 2001*.....	15	24	31	12	14	4	
Being sensitive to the needs of minorities							[166/172]
April 2001.....	18	20	29	12	18	3	
January 2001.....	16	20	28	14	19	3	

¹ In January 2001, item was phrased, "Having the ability to handle a crisis."

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9c. Now, I'd like you to compare President Bush with former President Clinton. Please tell me whether you think President Bush is better, worse, or about the same when it comes to **(READ ITEM)**. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY BETTER

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About The Same</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Honesty and integrity.....	62	11	23	4	[180]
Setting the right tone for the country.....	43	30	22	5	[178]
Leadership skills.....	35	35	27	3	[210]
Having the right budget priorities.....	35	35	24	6	[179]
Dealing with foreign policy.....	32	32	29	7	[177]
Understanding average people's concerns.....	30	40	27	3	[211]
Dealing with the economy.....	27	36	30	7	[176]
Intellect.....	27	38	32	3	[208]
Communicating effectively on important issues and events.....	24	42	31	3	[209]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 10a. Let me read you five positive aspects that some people have mentioned about President Bush's performance so far. Please tell me which one, if any, you admire the most. **(IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

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He has restored honor and respect to the presidency.....	34	[212]
He has been a good spokesperson on family issues and religion.....	15	
He has been bipartisan in his dealings with Congress.....	14	
He has followed through on campaign promises.....	6	
He has been an effective leader.....	6	
All of these (VOL).....	6	
None of these (VOL).....	17	
Not sure.....	2	

- 10b. Now let me read you five negative aspects that some people have mentioned about President Bush's performance so far. Please tell me which one, if any, concerns you the most. **(IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

His policies mainly benefit the wealthy and special interests.....	33	[213]
He has changed his position on issues.....	10	
He has been too detached, allowing Vice President Cheney and others to make decisions.....	10	
He has put too much emphasis on religion.....	8	
He has not appeared presidential.....	6	
All of these (VOL).....	7	
None of these (VOL).....	23	
Not sure.....	3	

11. As you may know, Vice President Cheney has a history of heart trouble, and suffered a minor heart attack in January. The Vice President says that he has confidence in his ability to fully carry out his duties. How

much do you agree with his evaluation--do you totally agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or totally disagree?

Totally agree.....	41	[214]
Somewhat agree.....	32	
Somewhat disagree.....	14	
Totally disagree.....	10	
Not sure.....	3	

Now I'd like to turn to the economy.

12. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? **(IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	
Inflation.....	10	8	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8	[215-216]
Unemployment.....	13	11	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40	
Energy prices.....	38	35	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Interest rates.....	5	5	6	5	4	2	2	2	3	2	
The federal budget ¹	9	9	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes.....	11	14	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11	
The U.S. trade deficit.....	6	6	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8	
All equally important (VOL).....	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	
				<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>
				8	6	4	7	7	6	7	11
				37	40	44	44	44	46	46	37
				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
				2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
				10	11	9	7	5	5	5	7
				6	8	7	8	8	10	8	8
				4	4	5	3	5	5	8	10
				1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3

¹ Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

13a. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u> ¹	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	[217]
Economy has gotten better.....	7	17	6	2	3	6	8	9	
Economy has gotten worse.....	57	44	73	78	74	67	57	64	
Economy has stayed about the same.....	35	38	20	19	22	26	33	26	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
			<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
			11	8	3	3	6	11	
			54	64	73	72	57	37	
			35	27	23	24	35	51	
			-	1	1	1	2	1	
			<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
			11	12	12	12	15	18	
			36	30	30	29	34	23	
			52	56	56	57	49	57	
			1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, this question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

13b. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u> ¹	<u>10/98</u> ⁺	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[218]
Economy will get better.	36	28	17	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	
Economy will get worse.	25	29	24	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	
Economy will stay about the same.....	34	37	54	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	
Not sure.....	5	6	5	6	2	6	5	3	6	5	4	
		<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	
		28	27	29	44	43	21	23	20	23	33	
		17	21	16	16	19	27	24	29	27	21	
		52	49	52	36	34	50	51	48	47	44	
		3	3	3	4	4	2	2	3	3	2	
		<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u> ⁺						
		39	50	53	32	31						
		15	9	10	20	24						
		43	39	35	45	40						
		3	2	2	3	5						

¹ Prior to April 2001, this question was phrased, "During the next year..."

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

13c. When it comes to the country's economic condition, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	[219]
The country is already in an economic recession.....	25	21	
The country will be in an economic recession in the next year.....	28	32	
The country will NOT be in an economic recession in the next year.....	41	41	
Not sure.....	6	6	

13d. If there is an economic recession during 2001, do you feel it will be mainly a result of Bush administration policies, mainly a result of Clinton administration policies, or do you think it will be mainly a result of other factors?

Bush administration policies.....	19	[220]
Clinton administration policies.....	16	
Other factors.....	55	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	2	

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about the budget and taxes.

14. Which of the following do you think should be the top priority for the President and Congress in working out their budget priorities: **(a)** issues that primarily affect seniors, such as Medicare reform, prescription drugs, and Social Security reform, or **(b)** issues that primarily affect children, such as early-childhood-development programs, education, and access to health care?

Issues that primarily affect seniors.....	34	[221]
Issues that primarily affect children.....	38	
Some of both (VOL).....	26	
Not sure.....	2	

15. And which would you consider more useful--a smaller, but faster tax cut designed to help the economy sooner, or a bigger tax cut designed help the economy over the longer run?

Smaller tax cut/help economy sooner.....	36	[222]
Bigger tax cut/help economy over longer run....	52	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	7	

- 16a. If there were a tax cut in the next year, which of the following would be your priority for a tax cut?

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	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
A tax cut for all Americans.....	34	32	31	31	[223]
A tax cut for moderate- and low-income Americans.....	28	31	29	34	
Elimination of the so-called marriage penalty ¹	16	13	15	17	
Elimination of inheritance and estate taxes ²	6	6	7	4	
A capital-gains tax cut on stock and real estate sales....	5	4	5	7	
Combination (VOL).....	9	12	10	5	
None of these (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	
Not sure.....	2	1	3	2	

¹ In July 1999, this item was phrased, "eliminating the marriage penalty, which would cut taxes for married couples."

² In January 2001, this item was phrased, "an inheritance and estate tax cut."

- 16b. I'm going to read two proposals for cutting taxes, and I'd like to know which proposal you would support.

Proposal A: President Bush proposes reducing the federal income tax across the board by cutting rates for all tax brackets. Upper-income Americans will get the largest tax cut because they pay the largest share of income taxes.

Proposal B: Democrats in Congress propose reducing the tax rates that all Americans pay for the first \$40,000 of taxable income. This would target a larger share of the tax cut to lower- and middle-income families.

Which proposal would you support?

Proposal A: Agree with President Bush.....	32	[224]
Proposal B: Agree with Democrats in Congress.....	63	
Neither/depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

- 16c. As you may know, President Bush proposed a \$1.6-trillion tax cut to return more of the surplus to the tax-payers and to encourage long-term economic growth. The Senate proposed reducing the President's tax cut to \$1.2 trillion to leave more money for domestic policy priorities and for reducing the national debt. Which proposal do you favor--the President's \$1.6-trillion tax cut or the Senate's \$1.2-trillion tax cut?

President Bush's \$1.6-trillion tax cut.....	32	[225]
Senate's \$1.2-trillion tax cut.....	57	
Neither/depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	6	

Now I'd like to turn the subject to energy policy.

- 17a. Would you say that the United States is currently experiencing an energy crisis, would you say that it is a problem but not a crisis, or would you say that the country does not have an energy problem at this time?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Energy crisis.....	35	32	[226]
Problem but not a crisis.....	55	54	
Not a problem.....	8	13	
Other (VOL).....	1	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	

- 17b. Do you believe that the country's primary focus regarding energy over the next few years should be on increasing the supply of energy by finding new resources, or on reducing demand by encouraging individuals and businesses to conserve?

Increasing supply.....	44	[227]
Reducing demand.....	32	
Both (VOL).....	22	
Not sure.....	2	

- 17c. From what you have heard so far, do you think that President Bush's environmental and energy policies lean too much toward producing more energy, lean too much toward protecting the environment, or do they provide the right balance between the two?

Lean too much toward producing more energy.....	30	[228]
Lean too much toward protecting the environment.....	6	
Provide the right balance.....	41	
Not sure.....	23	

- 17d. I'm going to read you two statements about oil and gas exploration in the United States, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Our first priority should be protecting the environment, even if it means that energy supplies would be more limited.

Statement B: Our first priority should be developing energy supplies in the United States, even if it means making some compromises on the environment.

Statement A /environment priority.....	44	[229]
Statement B /energy priority.....	44	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	4	

- 18a. Some people say that there will be an electric power shortage in the United States this summer. Do you expect that there will be or will not be an electric power shortage in your area?

Yes, expect an electric power shortage.....	34	CONTINUE	[230]
No, do not expect an electric power shortage.....	60		
Depends (VOL).....	2	Skip to Q.19a	
Not sure.....	4		

(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THAT THEY EXPECT AN ELECTRIC POWER SHORTAGE IN Q.18a.)

- 18b. And how much do you think your area will be affected—a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not very much?

A great deal.....	25	[231]
Quite a bit.....	21	
Just some.....	37	
Not very much.....	15	
Not sure.....	2	

Changing subjects...

- 19a. Today, in general do you think of China as more of an ally or more of an adversary?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>5/97</u>	<u>3/95</u>	
Ally.....	16	18	29	31	[232]
Adversary.....	71	67	59	62	
Both (VOL) ¹	5	3	{6	{2	
Neither (VOL).....	2	2			
Not sure.....	6	10	6	5	

¹ Prior to June 1999, the volunteered responses "both" and "neither" were combined.

- 19b. Which side do you personally believe made more concessions to end the stand-off over the American plane in China--the Chinese side or the American side?

Chinese side.....	20	[233]
American side.....	57	

Both equally (VOL)..... 10
Not sure..... 13

- 19c. Here are some things that the United States is considering in response to the stand-off in China. For each one I read, please tell me whether you believe it would be a good step and would send an important signal, or whether you think it would be unwise and would go too far. If you don't know enough to say either way, just tell me.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD STEP AND IMPORTANT SIGNAL

	Good Step/ Important Signal	Unwise/ Would Go Too Far	Don't Know Enough To Say	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Continuing surveillance flights over the Chinese coast....	75	14	7	1	3	[238]
Placing a heavy import tax and restrictions on goods manufactured in China.....	40	42	12	2	4	[236]
Opposing China's bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games...	35	49	9	2	5	[234]
Ignoring China's objection and selling sophisticated weapons systems to Taiwan.....	29	48	16	2	5	[237]
Canceling Bush's summit with Chinese leaders this fall...	18	67	9	2	4	[235]

- 19d. How concerned are you about possible armed conflict between the United States and China in the next five years--very concerned, fairly concerned, just a little concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned..... 21 [239]
Fairly concerned..... 22
Just a little concerned..... 33
Not concerned at all..... 23
Not sure..... 1

Changing subjects . . .

- 20a. Recently, the United States Senate passed a campaign finance bill sponsored by Senators John McCain and Russ Feingold that would ban so-called soft money contributions to the two national political parties, increase individual contribution limits, and restrict issue advertisements run by corporations, interest groups, and unions close to an election. Do you think that President Bush should sign the bill or veto the bill, or do you not care either way?

Sign the bill..... 51 [240]
Veto the bill..... 14
Don't care either way..... 23
Not sure..... 12

- 20b. If the McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill becomes law, how much do you think it will help to reduce special interests' influence on government--a lot, some, very little, or not at all?

A lot.....	13	[241]
Some.....	38	
Very little.....	23	
Not at all.....	15	
Not sure.....	11	

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the stock market.

- 21a. Please tell me whether the following statement applies to you personally.

"I have at least \$5,000 invested in mutual funds or stocks."

	<u>4/01</u>		<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Applies.....	52	CONTINUE	49	51	[242]
Does not apply.....	46	Skip to Q.21c	49	45	
Not sure.....	2		2	4	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THAT THEY HAVE AT LEAST \$5,000 INVESTED IN Q.21a.)

- 21b. In your opinion, is today a good time to buy stock, a good time to sell stock, or a good time to hold on to your stock?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
Good time to buy stock.....	33	27	19	24	[243]
Good time to sell stock.....	2	4	5	8	
A Good time to hold on to stock.....	59	62	55	56	
Not sure.....	6	7	21	12	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

- 21c. Which of the following best describes what you expect stock prices to do in the next twelve months--a strong increase, a moderate increase, little change either way, a moderate decline, or a sharp decline?

	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Strong increase.....	4	2	[244]
Moderate increase.....	38	32	
Little change either way.....	27	31	
Moderate decline.....	16	23	
Sharp decline.....	3	4	
Not sure.....	12	8	

22. In the past year, many high-tech companies have seen severe declines in their business and the value of their stock. Which one of the following best represents your view on the high-tech industry in the foreseeable future?

	<u>4/01*</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
It will return to growth rates that exceed other industries.....	21	24	[245]
It will produce results on par with other industries.....	38	49	
It will lag behind other industries.....	22	16	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	18	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	87	[246]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote-- George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, Voted		
George W. Bush.....	38	[247]
Al Gore.....	34	
Ralph Nader.....	2	
Pat Buchanan.....	-	
Other candidate (VOL).....	1	
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	-	
No, Did Not Vote.....	20	
Was too young to vote (VOL).....	1	
Not Sure/Refused.....	4	

F3. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	8	[248-249]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	6	
Refused.....	2	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[250-251]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years postgraduate work/master's degree....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	25	[252-253]
White-collar worker.....	22	
Blue-collar worker.....	19	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	22	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

F6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	[260]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	7	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

F7. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[261]
Moderate.....	45	
Conservative.....	28	
Not sure.....	5	

F8. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	20	[262]
Married.....	59	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F9. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	50	CONTINUE	[263]
Catholic.....	29		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	12	Skip to Q.F11	
None.....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F9.)

F10. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	17	[264]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F9).....	50	

F11. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	15	[265]
Once a year.....	5	
A few times a year.....	19	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	41	
Not sure.....	5	

F12. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?**

Labor union member.....	14	[266]
Labor union household.....	5	
Non-union household.....	79	
Not sure.....	2	

F13. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?**

Hispanic.....	7	[267]
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

- F14. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[268]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	13	
More than \$100,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	15	